

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Address May 17, 2019

### An Update on Border Security

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Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

Last month, more than 100,000 people without legal status were apprehended or turned away at the southern border – the second consecutive month of record-breaking border crossings.

Let's put this in perspective. Only seven months into fiscal year 2019, Customs and Border Protection has apprehended or turned away more than half a million people - surpassing the total southwest border apprehensions of every fiscal year since 2009.

These numbers don't lie. There is no question that the humanitarian and security crisis on the southern border is a true emergency.

Yesterday, I joined President Trump at the White House as he announced his plan to provide relief for this crisis. His plan takes commonsense steps to promote merit-based immigration. The proposal also includes improvements for physical border security, with plans to bolster existing infrastructure and continue building the physical barrier along the southern border.

This is a significant step forward; however, the President cannot achieve this security alone. Congress must stand ready to put partisan politics aside and work together to pass meaningful and lasting solutions. We should start by appropriating the funds that President Trump has requested to provide humanitarian assistance and vital resources to those on the ground, as they respond to the overwhelming surge of border crossings.

There is a long road ahead. I am grateful that President Trump is taking this situation seriously, and I will continue to work alongside the Administration and Members of Congress who are willing to stand with the President to secure the border and protect the American people.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, may God bless those who protect our border, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.